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#### **Chapter 1 -- General Provisions**

- Definitions. Terms not defined in this rule which are defined in the UCC shall have the respective meanings accorded such terms in the UCC.
  - 100.1 Active Record, "Active Record" means a UCC Record that has been stored in the UCC information management system and indexed in, but not yet removed from, the Searchable Indexes.
  - 100.2 Address. "Address" means either (i) a street address, route number (may include box) or PO Box number plus the city, state and zip code, or (ii) an address that purports to be a mailing address outside the United States of America.
  - 100.3 Amendment statement. "Amendment" means a UCC Record that amends the information contained in a financing statement. Amendments include assignments, continuations and terminations.
  - 100.4 Assignment statement. "Assignment" is an amendment that assigns all or a part of a secured party's power to authorize an amendment to a financing statement.
  - 100.5 Information statement. "Information Statement" means a UCC Record that indicates that a financing statement is inaccurate or wrongfully filed.
  - 100.6 "File number" means the unique identifying information assigned to an initial financing statement by the filing officer for the purpose of identifying the financing statement and UCC documents relating to the financing statement in the UCC information management system. For a financing statement with an initial financing statement filed on or prior to June 30, 1999, the file number includes three segments: 1) the County location [1-93] or UCC Div prefix [99], 2) the year of filing expressed as a two-digit number, and 3) a 6-digit number assigned to the financing statement by the filing officer. For a financing statement with an initial financing statement filed on or after July 1, 1999, the file number includes three segments: 1) the County location [1-93], UCC Division [99], or Electronic Filing [98] prefix, 2) the year of filing expressed as a 2-digit number, 3) followed by a unique 6-digit number assigned to the financing statement by the filing office. Filings after July 1, 2000, end with a single digit verification number assigned by the filing office but mathematically derived from the numbers in the six digit segment. The filing number bears no relation to the time of filing and is not an indicator of priority.
  - 100.7 "Filing office" and "filing officer" mean the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office.

- 100. 8 "Filing Officer Statement" means a statement entered into the filing office UCC information management system to correct an error by the filing office.
- 100.9 Initial financing statement. "Initial financing statement" means a UCC Record that causes the filing office to establish the initial record of filing of a financing statement.
- 100.10 Remitter. "Remitter" means a person who tenders a UCC document to the filing officer for filing, whether the person is a filer or an agent of a filer responsible for tendering the document for filing. Remitter does not include a person responsible merely for the delivery of the document to the filing office, such as the postal service or a courier service but does include a service provider who acts as a filer's representative in the filing process.
- 100.11 Searchable indexes. "Searchable indexes" means the searchable index of individual debtor names and the searchable index of organization debtor names maintained in the UCC information management system.
- 100.12 Secured party of record. "Secured party of record" includes a secured party of record as defined in the UCC as well as a person who has been a secured party of record with respect to whom an amendment has been filed purporting to delete them as a secured party of record. The term includes an assignor listed on an amendment that purports to be an assignment.
- 100.13 UCC. "UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in this state.
- 100.14 UCC information management system. "UCC information management system" means the information management system used by the filing office to store, index, and retrieve information relating to financing statement as described in Chapter 3 of these filing-office rules.
- 100.15 "UCC Record" means an initial financing statement, an amendment, an assignment, a continuation statement, a termination statement, a filing officer statement or an information statement, and includes a record thereof maintained by the filing office. The term shall not be deemed to refer exclusively to paper or paper-based writings.
- 100.16 Unlapsed record. "Unlapsed record" means a UCC Record that has been stored and indexed in the UCC information management system, which has not yet lapsed under UCC §9-515 with respect to all secured parties of record.
- Means to deliver UCC Records; time of filing. UCC Records may be tendered for filing at the filing office as follows:
  - 101.1 Personal delivery by Remitter, at the filing office's street address. The file time for a UCC Record delivered by this method is when delivery of the UCC Record is taken by the filing office (even though the UCC Record may not yet have been accepted for filing and subsequently may be rejected). This rule applies only to a Remitter who tenders a

UCC Record to the filing office and awaits an immediate determination of whether or not the UCC Record will be taken or not.

101.2 Courier delivery by a person other than a Remitter, at the filing office's street address. The file time for a UCC document delivered by this method is, notwithstanding the time of delivery, at the earlier of the time the UCC document is first examined by a filing officer for processing (even though the UCC Record may not yet have been accepted for filing and may be subsequently rejected), or the next close of business following the time of delivery. This rule does not apply to a courier who is acting as an agent of the Remitter and who tenders a UCC Record to the filing office and awaits an immediate determination of whether or not the UCC Record will be taken or not under rule 101.1.

A UCC Record delivered after regular business hours or on a day the filing office is not open for business will have a filing time of the close of business on the next day the filing office is open for business.

- 101.3 Postal service delivery, to the filing office's mailing address. The file time for a UCC document delivered by this method is the next close of business following the time of delivery (even though the UCC document may not yet have been accepted for filing and may be subsequently rejected). A UCC record delivered after regular business hours or on a day the filing office is not open for business will have a filing time of the close of business on the next day the filing office is open for business.
- 101.4 Electronic filing. The file time for a UCC Record delivered by this method is the time that the filing office's UCC information management system analyzes the relevant transmission and determines that all the required elements of the transmission have been received in a required format and are machine-readable.
- 101.5 Direct [on-line and] web page data entry. UCC Records, excluding information statements and filing officer statements, may be entered on-line as described in rules 314 et seq. The file time for a UCC Record delivered by this method is the time the entry of all required elements of the UCC Record in the proper format is acknowledged by the online entry system.
- 101.6 Means of communication. Regardless of the method of delivery, information submitted to the UCC filing office must be communicated only in the form of characters that are defined in an acceptable character set. A financing statement or amendment form that does not designate separate fields for organization and individual names, and separate fields for the surname, first personal name, additional name(s)/initials(s) and suffixes for individual names is not an acceptable means of communication to the filing office.
- 101.7 Transmitting utility, manufactured-home and public-finance transactions. The only means to indicate to the filing office that an initial financing statement is being filed in connection with a manufactured-home or public-finance transaction, or that a financing

statement is being or has been filed against a debtor that is a transmitting utility, in order to affect the filing office's determination of the lapse date under rule 306.3 or rule 307, is to so indicate by checking the appropriate box on a UCC1 Financing Statement or by transmitting the requisite information in the proper field in an electronic filing that is such initial financing statement or is part of such financing statement.

- 101.8 Electronic Mail. Electronic mail cannot be used for filing UCC documents or for requesting searches of the records of financing statements.
- Search request delivery. UCC search requests may be delivered to the filing office by any of the means by which UCC records may be delivered to the filing office.
  - 102.1 A search request may not be delivered by checking a box or otherwise including a search request in or on an initial financing statement, but may be delivered in or on a separate search request after the initial financing statement is filed.
- 103 Forms. Forms prescribed by U.C.C. §9-521 are accepted by the filing office. Paperbased forms approved by the International Association of Commercial Administrators and forms otherwise approved by the filing office from time to time shall be accepted. A list of forms approved by the filing office will be made available on request and on-line at www.sos.ne.gov.
- 104 Fees.
  - 104.1 Filing fee. The fee for filing and indexing a UCC Record is provided in U.C.C. §9-525.
  - 104.2 UCC search fee. The fee for a UCC search request is provided in U.C.C. § 9-525.
  - 104.3 UCC copies. The fee for UCC search copies (paper) is provided in U.C.C. §9-528.
- Methods of payment. Filing fees and fees for public records services may be paid by the following methods.
  - 105.1 Cash. Payment in cash shall be accepted if paid in person at the filing office.
  - 105.2 Checks. Personal checks, cashier's checks and money orders made payable to the filing office shall be accepted for payment provided that the drawer (or the issuer in the case of the cashier's check or money order) is deemed creditworthy by the filing office in its discretion. Checks in an amount to be filled in by a filing officer but not to exceed a particular amount, will be accepted for payment. (Exception: If previous checks were returned unpaid, future payments from the same party must be made by Cashiers, Certified, or Money Order.)
  - 105.3 Other account. Filers may apply for a Monthly Charge Account on an application furnished by the filing office. Upon approval, fees for filings and search/copy requests

will be charged to this account and invoiced monthly. Online filings and searches may be billed through a third party provider contracting with the state to provide these services.

- 106 Overpayment and underpayment policies.
  - 106.1 Overpayment. The filing officer shall refund the amount of an overpayment exceeding \$5.00 to the remitter. The filing officer shall refund an overpayment of \$5.00 or less only upon the written request of the remitter and said request must be received within 30 days of deposit of the check by filing office.
  - 106.2 Underpayment. Upon receipt of a filing with an insufficient fee, the filing officer shall return the document to the remitter as provided in rule 203 with the fee attached.
- 107 Public records services. Public records services are provided on a non-discriminatory basis to any member of the public. Copies of individual UCC Records, bulk copies of records and data elements from the filing offices UCC information management system are made available in such forms, at such times and for such fees as the filing office may prescribe from time to time.
  - 107.1 Individually identified documents. Copies of individually identified UCC documents are available in the following forms. UCC copies are available on paper through the UCC Division or through Nebraska.gov.
  - 107.2 Data from the information management system. A list of available data elements from the UCC information management system, and the file layout of the data elements, is available from Nebraska.gov upon request. Data from the information management system is available as follows from Nebraska.gov.
    - 107.2.1 Full extract. A bulk data extract of information from the UCC information management system are available on a monthly basis.
    - 107.2.2 Special Request extract. User specified file parameters from the UCC information management system are available.
    - 107.2.3 Format. Extracts from the UCC information management system are available in the following formats.

FTP (Electronic File Transfer)
Or other electronic means approved by the filing office

- 107.3 Direct on-line services. On-line services make UCC data available on a subscription basis. A description of subscription services is available from Nebraska.gov.
- Fees for public records services. Fees for public records services are established as follows:

- 108.1 Paper copies of individual documents (from filing office) regular mail delivery method. Fee is provided in statute U.C.C. §9-528(d).
- 108.2 Data from the information management system (through Nebraska.gov).
  - 108.2.1 Full extract. Fee is provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §33-101.
  - 108.2.2 Special Requests. Fee is provided in U.C.C. §9-523.

#### **Chapter 2 -- Acceptance and Refusal of Documents.**

- Role of filing officer. The duties and responsibilities of the filing officer with respect to the administration of the UCC are ministerial. In accepting for filing or refusing to file a UCC Record pursuant to these rules, the filing officer does none of the following:
  - 200.1 Determine the legal sufficiency or insufficiency of a document.
  - 200.2 Determine that information in the document is correct or incorrect, in whole or in part.
  - 200.3 Create a presumption that information in the UCC Record is correct or incorrect, in whole or in part.
- Grounds for refusal. In addition to refusing a record for any reason, or multiple reasons, as set forth in U.C.C §9-516, a filing office shall refuse to accept a UCC Record that does not provide an address that meets the minimum requirement, as set forth in these filing office rules (See "Address" under rules 100.2)
- 202. Time for filing a continuation statement.
  - 202.1 First day permitted. The first day on which a continuation statement may be filed is the date of the month corresponding to the date upon which the related financing statement would lapse, six months preceding the month in which the financing statement would lapse. If there is no such corresponding date, the first day on which a continuation may be filed is the last day of the sixth month preceding the month in which the financing statement would lapse. The foregoing rule is subject to the ability of the filing office to take delivery of the continuation statement as tendered and to rule 101.
  - 202.2 Last day permitted. The last day on which a continuation may be filed is the date upon which the financing statement lapses. The foregoing rule is subject to the ability of the filing office to take delivery of the continuation statement as tendered and to rule 101. Accordingly, the time of filing of the continuation statement under rule 101 must be on or prior to such last day and delivery by certain means of communication may not be available on such last day if the filing office is not open for business on such day.
- 203 Procedure upon refusal. Except as provided in rule 106, if the filing officer finds grounds to refuse a UCC Record, the filing officer shall refund the filing fee. Communication of the refusal, the reason(s) for the refusal and other related information will be made to the Remitter as soon as practicable and in any event within [two] business days after the refused UCC Record was received by the filing office, by the same means as the means

by which such UCC Record was delivered to the filing office, or by mail or such more expeditious means as the filing office shall determine. Records of refusal, including a copy of the refused UCC Record and the ground(s) for refusal, shall be maintained until the first anniversary of the lapse date that applies or would have applied to the related financing statement, assuming that the refused record had been accepted and filed.

- Refusal errors. If a secured party or a Remitter demonstrates to the satisfaction of the filing officer that a UCC document that was refused for filing should not have been refused under rule 201, the filing officer will file the UCC Record with the filing date and time the UCC Record was originally tendered for filing. A filing officer statement record relating to the relevant initial financing statement will be placed in the UCC information management system on the date the corrective action was taken. A filing officer statement must provide the date of the correction and explain the nature of the corrective action taken. The record shall be preserved for so long as the record of the initial financing statement is preserved in the UCC information management system.
- Notification of defects. Nothing in these rules prevents a filing officer from communicating to a filer or a Remitter that the filing officer noticed apparent potential defects in a UCC Record, whether or not it was filed or refused for filing. However, the filing office is under no obligation to do so and may not, in fact, have the resources to do so or to identify such defects. The responsibility for the legal effectiveness of filing rests with filers and Remitters and the filing office bears no responsibility for such effectiveness.

#### **Chapter 3 -- UCC Information Management System**

- General. The filing officer uses an information management system to store, index, and retrieve information relating to financing statements. The UCC information management system includes an index of the names of debtors included on financing statements that are Active Records. The rules in this section describe the UCC information management system.
- Primary data elements. The primary data elements used in the UCC information management system are the following:

#### 301.1 Identification numbers.

- 301.1.1 Each initial financing statement is identified by its file number. Identification of the initial financing statement is noted by a label affixed to written UCC Records or otherwise permanently associated with the record maintained for UCC Records in the UCC information management system. A record is created in the UCC information management system for each initial financing statement and all information comprising such record is maintained in such system. The record is identified by the same information assigned to the initial financing statement.
- 301.1.2 A UCC Record other than an initial financing statement is identified by a unique file number assigned by the filing officer. In the UCC information management system, records of all UCC Records other than initial financing statements are linked to the record of their related initial financing statement.
- 301.2 Type of Record. The type of UCC Record from which data is transferred is identified in the UCC information management system from information supplied by the Remitter.
- 301.3 Filing date and filing time. The filing date and filing time of UCC Records are stored in the UCC information management system. Calculation of the lapse date of an initial financing statement is based upon the filing date.
- 301.4 Identification of parties. The names and addresses of debtors and secured parties are transferred from UCC Records to the UCC information management system.

- 301.5 Page count. The total number of pages in a UCC Record is maintained in the UCC information management system.
- 301.6 Lapse indicator. An indicator is maintained by which the UCC information management system identifies whether or not a financing statement will lapse and, if it does, when it will lapse. The lapse date is determined as provided in rules 306.3, 307, and 308.1.
- 301.7 Indexes of names. The filing office maintains in the UCC information management system a searchable index of organization debtor names, and a searchable index of individual debtor names. The filing office may also maintain a searchable index of names of secured parties of record. Such an index need not be a separate database but may be comprised of records in the UCC information management system identified to be included in such searchable index.
- Individual debtor names. For purposes of these rules, an "individual debtor name" is any name provided as a debtor name in a UCC Record in a format that identifies the name as that of a debtor who is an individual, without regard to the nature or character of the name or to the nature or character of the actual debtor.
  - 302.1 Individual name fields. The names of individuals are stored in files that include only the individual debtor names, and not organization debtor names. Separate date entry fields are established for surnames (last or family names), first personal names (given), and additional name(s)/initial(s) of individuals. The name of a debtor with a single name (e.g. "Cher") is treated as a surname and shall be entered in the individual's surname field. The filing officer assumes no responsibility for the accurate designation of the components of a name but shall accurately enter the data in accordance with the filer's designations.
  - 302.2 Titles, prefixes and suffixes. Titles, prefixes (e.g. "Ms") and suffixes or indications of status (e.g. "M.D.") are not typically part of an individual debtor's name. Suffixes used to distinguish between family members with identical names (e.g. "Jr") should be provided in the Suffix field. However, when entering a "name" into the UCC information management system, the data will be entered exactly as they appear.
  - 302.3 Extended debtor name field. The Financing Statement form has limited space for individual debtor names. If any portion of the individual debtor name is too long for the corresponding field, the filer is instructed to check the box that indicates the name was too long and enter the name in item 10 of the Addendum Form UCC1AD. A filing officer shall not refuse to accept a Financing Statement that lacks debtor information in item 1 and/or item 2 if the record includes an Addendum that provides a debtor name in item 10.
  - 302.4 Truncation individual names. Personal name fields in the UCC information management system are fixed in length. Although filers should

continue to provide full names on their UCC Records, a name that exceeds the fixed length is entered as presented to the filing officer, up to the maximum length of the data entry field. The length of data entry name fields are as follows:

302.4.1 First personal name: 40 characters.

302.4.2 Additional name(s)/initial(s): 20 characters.

302.4.3 Surname: 70 characters.

302.4.4 Suffix: 20 characters.

- Organization debtor names. For purposes of these rules, an "organization debtor name" is any name provided as a debtor name in a UCC Record in a format that identifies the name as that of a debtor who is an organization, without regard to the nature or character of the name or to the nature or character of the actual debtor.
  - 303.1 Single field. Organization debtor names are stored in files that include only organization debtor names and not individual debtor names. A single field is used to store an organization debtor name.
  - 303.2 Truncation organization names. The organization debtor name field in the UCC information management system is fixed in length. The maximum length is 300 characters. Although filers should continue to provide full names on their UCC Records, a name that exceeds the fixed length is entered as presented to the filing officer, up to the maximum length of the organization debtor name field.
- Collateral being administered by a Decedent's Personal Representative. The debtor name to be provided on a financing statement when the collateral is being administered by a decedent's personal representative is the name of the relevant decedent. In order for the UCC information management system to function in accordance with the usual expectations of filers and searchers, the filer should provide the debtor name as an individual debtor name. However, the filing office will enter data submitted by a filer in the fields designated by the filer exactly as it appears in such fields.
- Collateral held in a Trust. The debtor name to be provided when collateral is held in a trust that is not a registered organization is the name of the trust as set forth in its organic record(s), if the trust has such a name or, if the trust is not so named, the name of the trust's settler or testator. In order for the UCC information management system to function in accordance with the usual expectations of filers and searchers, the name of a trust or of a settler that is an organization should be provided as an organization debtor name, and the name of the settler who is an individual should be provided as an individual debtor name, in each case without regard to the nature of character of the debtor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the filing office will enter data submitted by a filer in the fields designated by the filer exactly as it appears in such fields.

Initial financing statement. Upon the filing of an initial financing statement the status of the parties and the status of the financing statement shall be as follows.

306.1 Status of secured party. Each secured party named on an initial financing statement shall be a secured party of record, except that if the UCC Record names an assignee, the secured party/assignor shall not be a secured party of record and the secured party/assignee shall be a secured party of record.

306.2 Status of debtor. Each debtor name provided by the initial financing statement shall be indexed in the UCC information management system so long as the financing statement is an Active Record.

306.3 Status of financing statement. The status of the financing statement shall be an Active Record. A lapse date shall be calculated, five years from the file date, unless (i) the initial financing statement indicates as provided in rule 101.7 that it is filed with respect to a public-financing transaction or a manufactured-home transaction, in which case the lapse date shall be thirty years from the file date, or (ii) if the initial financing statement indicates as provided in rule 101.7 that it is filed against a transmitting utility, in which case there shall be no lapse date.

Amendments generally. Upon the filing of an amendment the status of the parties shall be unchanged, except that in the case of an amendment that adds a debtor or a secured party, the new debtor or secured party shall be added to appropriate index and associated with the record of the financing statement in the UCC information management system, and an amendment that designates an assignee shall cause the assignee to be added as a secured party of record with respect to the affected financing statement in the UCC information management system. Notwithstanding the filing of an amendment that deletes a debtor or a secured party from a financing statement, no debtor or secured party of record is deleted from the UCC information management system. A deleted secured party will still be treated by the filing office as a secured party of record as the filing office cannot verify the effectiveness of an amendment. In general, the filing of an amendment does not affect the status of the financing statement.

#### 308 Continuation statement.

308.1 Continuation of lapse date. Upon the timely filing of one or more continuation statements by any secured party(ies) of record, the lapse date of the financing statement shall be postponed for five years. The lapse date is postponed once notwithstanding the fact that more than one continuation statement is filed within a given 6-month period prior to a lapse date. Notwithstanding the immediate postponement of the lapse date with respect to one or more secured parties of record who file timely a continuation statement within a given 6-month period prior to a lapse date, such lapse date remains effective solely for purposes of determining whether or not a subsequent continuation statement filed in the same 6-month period is timely.

- 308.2 Status. The filing of a continuation statement shall have no effect upon the status of any party to the financing statement or upon the status of the financing statement.
- Termination. The filing of a termination statement shall have no effect upon the status of any party to the financing statement or upon the status of the financing statement.
- Information statement. The filing of an information statement shall have no effect upon the status of any party to the financing statement, the status of the financing statement or to the information maintained in the UCC information management system.
- Filing officer statement. A filing officer statement affects the status of parties and of the relevant financing statement as provided in the corrective action described as having been taken in the filing officer statement.
- Procedure upon lapse. If there is no timely filing of a continuation with respect to a financing statement, the financing statement lapses on its lapse date but no action is then taken by the filing office.
- Removal of record. A financing statement must remain as an Active Record until at least one year after it lapses, or if it is indicated to be filed against a transmitting utility, until at least one year after it is terminated with respect to all secured parties of record. On or after the first anniversary of such lapse or termination date, the filing office or the UCC information management system may remove the financing statement and all related UCC Records from the Searchable Indexes or from the UCC information management system and upon such removal, the removed UCC Records shall cease to be Active Records. UCC Records removed from the UCC information management system shall be maintained as provided in the Records Retention Schedule 34-15 Secretary of State Business Services.

#### **Direct On-line Data Entry Procedures**

- Definitions. For the purpose of rules relating to the submission of e-filed documents, terms shall have the meaning provided in this rule, unless the context otherwise requires.
  - 314.1 "E-filed document" means a UCC, EFS Document, or Statutory Lien transmitted from a filer to the filing office by e-filing services authorized under this rule.
- Document filing procedures. Interested parties may apply for e-filing services to the filing office by completing an Electronic Filing Service Agreement form. After approval by the filing office Nebraska.gov will contact the interested party for billing purposes and to establish account number(s) and password(s). Filing guidelines and procedures are available on-line.
- Search request procedures. Interested parties may apply for on-line access to request searches by contacting Nebraska.gov. Nebraska.gov will establish account number(s) and password(s). Searching guidelines are available on-line.

#### **Chapter 4 -- Filing and Data Entry Procedures**

- 400 Errors of the filing officer. The filing office may correct the data entry and indexing errors of filing office personnel in the UCC information management system at any time. If the correction is made to a record of a financing statement after the filing office has issued a search report with a through date and time (see rule 505.2.4) that is on or after the filing date and time of the financing statement, the filing office will associate with the record of the financing statement in the UCC information management system a filing officer statement on the date that the corrective action was taken providing the date and an explanation of the correction.
- Data entry. Data is entered into the UCC information management system exactly as provided in a UCC Record, without regard to apparent errors. Data provided in electronic form is transferred to the information management system exactly as submitted by the Remitter.
- Verification of data entry. The filing office will verify accuracy of the data from UCC Records entered in accordance with Rule 401 into the UCC information management system. Data entry performed by Remitters with respect to electronically filed UCC Records is the responsibility of the Remitter and is not verified by the filing office.
- 403 Notice of bankruptcy. The filing officer takes no action upon receipt of a notification, formal or informal, of a bankruptcy proceeding involving a debtor named in the UCC information management system.
- Redaction of certain information. The filing officer may be obliged to redact certain information from the information it provides to searchers and bulk data purchasers in accordance with applicable privacy and identity theft protection laws. Such information should not be included in UCC Records and will be redacted in accordance with such laws.

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#### **Chapter 5 -- Search Requests and Reports**

- General requirements. The filing officer maintains for public inspection a searchable index for all Active Records in the UCC information management system. Active Records will be retrievable by the name of the debtor or by the file number of the related initial financing statement, and each Active Record related to an initial financing statement is retrieved with the initial financing statement using either retrieval method.
- 501 Search requests required information. Search requests shall contain the following:
  - 501.1 Name searched. A search request must set forth the name of the debtor to be searched using designated fields for organization or individual surname, first personal name, and additional name(s)/initial(s). A search request will be processed using the data and designated fields exactly as submitted, including the submission of no data in a given field, without regard to the nature or character of the debtor that is the subject of the search.
  - 501.2 Requesting party. The name and address of the person to whom the search report is to be sent.
  - 501.3 Fee. The appropriate fee shall be tendered by a method described in rule 105.
- Search Requests Optional information. Search requests may include the following:
  - 502.1 Copies. The request may limit the copies of UCC Records that would normally be provided with a search report by requesting that no copies be provided or that copies be limited to those UCC Records that:
    - 502.1.1 include a particular city in the debtor address;
    - 502.1.2 were filed on a particular date or within a particular range of dates; or
    - 502.1.3 include a particular secured party name.
  - 502.2 Scope of search. A search request may ask for a search that reports all Active Records retrieved by the search rather than only Unlapsed Records retrieved by the search.

- 502.3 Mode of delivery. A search request may specify a mode of delivery for search results and that request will be honored if the requested mode is then made available by the filing office, and all requisite fees are tendered.
- 502.4 Search request with filing. If a filer requests a search at the time an Initial financing statement is filed by submitting a search request with the Initial financing statement at the time it is tendered for filing, the search request shall be deemed to request a search to be conducted as soon as practicable such that it would include all UCC records filed, against the debtor name(s) provided on the Initial financing statement, on or prior to the date [time] the Initial financing statement is filed.
- Search methodology. Search results are produced by the application of search logic to the name presented to the filing officer. Human judgment does not play a role in determining the results of the search.
  - 503.1 Standard search logic. The following rules describe the filing office's standard search logic and apply to all searches except as provided 503.2.1.
    - 503.1.1 There is no limit to the number of matches that may be returned in response to the search criteria.
    - 503.1.2 No distinction is made between upper and lower case letters.
    - 503.1.3 The character "&" (the ampersand) is deleted and replaced with the characters "and" each place it appears in the name.
    - 503.1.4 Punctuation marks and accents are disregarded. For the purposes of this rule, punctuation and accents include all characters other than the numerals 0 through 9 and the letters A through Z (in any case) of the English alphabet.
    - 503.1.5 The following words and abbreviations at the end of an organization name that indicate the existence or nature of the organization are "disregarded" to the extent practicable as determined by the filing office's programming of its UCC information management system: Agency, Association, Assn, Associates, Assc, Assoc, Attorneys at Law, Bank, National Bank, Business Trust, Charter, Chartered, Company, Co, Corporation, Corp, Credit Union, CU, Federal Savings Bank, FSB, General Partnership, Gen part, GP, Incorporated, Inc, Limited, Ltd, Ltee, Limited Liability Company, LC, LLC, Limited Liability Partnership, LLP, Medical Doctors Professional Association, MDPA, Medical Doctors Professional Corporation, MDPC, National Association, NA, Partners, Partnership, Professional Association, Prof Assn, PA, Professional Corporation, Prof Corp, PC, Professional Limited Liability Company, Professional Limited Liability Co, PLLC, Railroad, RR, Real Estate Investment Trust, REIT, Registered Limited Liability Partnership, RLLP, Savings Association, SA, Savings Association, SA, Service Corporation, SC, Sole Proprietorship, SP, SPA, Trust, Trustee, As Trustee, punctuation and accents are disregarded as well as "and" and "&."

- 503.1.6 The word "the" at the beginning of an organization debtor name is disregarded.
- 503.1.7 All spaces are disregarded.
- 503.1.8 For first personal name and additional name(s)/initial(s) of individual debtor names, initials are treated as the logical equivalent of all names that begin with such initials, and first personal name and no additional name(s)/initial(s) is equated with all additional name(s)/initial(s). For example, a search request for "John A. Smith" would cause the search to retrieve all filings against all individual debtors with "John" or the initial "J" as the first personal name, "Smith" as the surname, and with the initial "A" or any name beginning with "A" in the additional name(s)/initial(s) field. If the search request were for "John Smith" (first personal and surnames with no designation in the additional name(s)/initial(s) field), the search would retrieve all filings against individual debtors with "John" or the initial J as the first personal name, "Smith" as the surname and with any name or initial or no name or initial in the additional name(s)/initial(s) field.
- 503.1.9 If the name being searched is the surname of an individual debtor name without any first personal name or additional name(s)/initial(s) provided, the search will retrieve from the UCC information management system all financing statements with individual debtor names that consist of only the surname.
- 503.1.10 After using the preceding rules to modify the name being searched, the search will retrieve from the UCC information management system all Unlapsed Records, or, if requested by the searcher, all Active Records, that pertain to financing statements with debtor names that, after being modified as provided in this rule 503, exactly match the modified name being searched.
- 503.2 Non-standard (wild-card) search logic.
  - 503.2.1 A non-standard (wild-card) search methodology is used to check against non-UCC liens or miscellaneous liens that may exist in the UCC information management database including Federal Tax Liens, Mechanics Liens, liens in favor of a governmental body (including Abstract of Judgment, Criminal Fine Enforcement and Notice of Lien for Fine or Penalty for Sentencing), Statutory (Agricultural) Liens prior to July 1, 2001, and Farm Product Security Interests (EFS statements).
- Changes in standard search logic. If the filing office changes its standard search logic or the implementation of its standard search logic in a manner that could alter search results, the filing office will provide public notice of such change.
- Search responses. Responses to a search request shall include the following:

- 505.1 Copies. Copies of all UCC Records retrieved by the search unless only limited copies are requested by the searcher. Copies will reflect any redaction of personal identifying information required by law.
- 505.2 Introductory information. A filing officer shall include the following information with a UCC search response:
  - 505.2.1 Filing office identification. Identification of the filing office responsible for the search response.
  - 505.2.2 Unique search report identification number. Unique number which identifies the search report
  - 505.2.3 Report date and time. The date and time the report was generated.
  - 505.2.4 Through date and time. The date and time at or prior to which a UCC record must have been filed with the filing office in order for it to be reflected on the search.
  - 505.2.5 Certification language. THE UNDERSIGNED FILING OFFICER HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT THE ENCLOSED LISTING IS A RECORD OF ALL PRESENTLY EFFECTIVE FINANCING STATEMENTS AND RELATED SUBSEQUENT DOCUMENTATION WHICH NAME THE REQUESTED DEBTORS, AND WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION, AS OF DATE INDICATED ON THE SEARCH. Secretary of State Seal placed on letter as well.
  - 505.2.6 Scope of search. Active and Unlapsed.
  - 505.2.7 Search logic used. See rule 503.1.
  - 505.2.8 Search logic disclaimer language. **DISCLAIMER** INFORMATION RELATIVE TO SECURITY INTERESTS AND STATUTORY LIENS OBTAINED FROM THE COMPUTER INDEX IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. SUCH INFORMATION DOES NOT RELIEVE ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS FROM LIABILITY, ALTER PRIORITIES OF SECURITY INTEREST OR LIENS, OR AFFECT ANY OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS OR RESPONSIBILITIES. THE COMPUTER INDEX PRIMARILY CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATIVE TO SECURITY INTERESTS AND STATUTORY LIENS WHICH HAVE BEEN FILED FOR RECORD AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1981. THERE ARE SECURITY INTERESTS AND STATUTORY LIENS FILED BEFORE THAT TIME WHICH MAY BE VALID. A SEARCH LIMITED TO A PARTICULAR CITY MAY NOT REVEAL ALL FILINGS AGAINST THE DEBTOR SEARCHED AND THE SEARCHER BEARS THE RISK OF RELYING ON SUCH A SEARCH.
  - 505.2.9 Name provided. Name as provided by searcher.
  - 505.2.10 Search string. Normalized name as provided by rule 503.

- 505.2.11 Lien type searched. UCC, UCC Statutory liens, Federal and State tax liens, liens in favor of a governmental body, Statutory (Agricultural) liens, and Farm Product Security Interests (EFS statements).
- 505.2.12 Copies. Copies of all UCC Records revealed by the search and requested by the searcher.
- 505.3 Report. The search report shall contain the following:
  - 505.3.1 Identification. Identification of the filing office responsible for the search report.
  - 505.3.2 Search report identification number. Unique number assigned under rule 505.2.2
  - 505.3.3 Identification of financing statement. Identification of each initial financing statement, including a listing of all related amendments, information statements, or filing officer notices, filed on or prior to the through date corresponding to the search criteria (including whether the searcher has requested Active Records or only Unlapsed Records). Financing statement information shall include, but is not limited to the following:
    - 505.3.3.1 Initial financing statement file number. The initial financing statement file number.
    - 505.3.3.2 Initial financing statement filing date and time. The date and time it was filed.
    - 505.3.3.3 Lapse date. Provide lapse date.
    - 505.3.3.4 Debtor name. The debtor name(s) that appear(s) of record.
    - 505.3.3.5 Debtor address. The debtor address(s) that appear(s) of record.
    - 505.3.3.6 Secured party name. The secured party name(s) that appear(s) of record.
    - 505.3.3.7 Secured party address. The secured party address(es) that appear(s) of record.
    - 505.3.3.8 Amendment type. An indication of type of each amendment, if any.
    - 505.3.3.9 Amendment filing date and time. The date and time each amendment, if any, was filed.

- 505.3.3.10 Amendment file number. The amendment file number of each amendment, if any.
- 505.3.3.11 Information statement filing date and time. The date and time an information statement, if any, was filed.
- 505.3.3.12 Filing officer statement filing date and time. The date and time a filing officer statement, if any, was filed.

#### **Chapter 6 -- Other Notices of Liens**

- The purpose of rules in this section is to describe records of liens maintained by the filing office created pursuant to statutes other than the UCC that are treated by the filing officer in a manner substantially similar to UCC documents and are included on request with the reports described in rule 505.3.
- 601 Tax Liens.
  - 601.1 Notice of Federal Tax Lien.
    - 601.1.1 Duration. The federal tax lien continues until the liability for the amount assessed is satisfied or becomes unenforceable by reason of lapse of time, IRC §6322. Generally, after assessment, the Internal Revenue Service has ten years to collect the tax liability. IRC §6502. However, there are some circumstances which may extend or suspend the ten-year collection period. Quoted from Internal Revenue Service, Internal Revenue Manual 5.17.2.2.2 (03-27-2012) chapter regarding Duration of the Federal Tax Lien.
    - 601.1.2 Mechanics of search. See search logic described in rule 503.2.
    - 601.2.1 Fee for search. UCC searches include all Federal Tax lien listings in the database for the customary search fee provided in statute.
  - 601.2 Notice of State Tax Lien.
    - 601.2.1 Duration. The duration of a State Tax Lien is 10 years from the date of recording.
    - 601.2.2 Mechanics of search. See search logic described in rule 503.2.
    - 601.2.3 Fee for search. UCC searches include all State Tax Lien listings in the database for the customary search fee provided in statute.
  - 601.3 Notice of other lien in favor of a governmental body. Including Abstract of Judgment, Criminal Fine Enforcement and Notice of Lien for Fine or Penalty for Sentencing.
    - 601.3.1 Duration. The duration of Abstracts of Judgment, Criminal Fine Enforcement liens, and Notice of Lien for Fine or Penalty for Sentencing is 20 years from the date of record.

- 601.3.2 Mechanics of search. See search logic described in rule 503.2.
- 602 Statutory (Agricultural) Liens.
  - 602.1 Mechanics of filing. Statutory (Agricultural) Liens are filed in the same manner as an initial financing statement and may use all forms and formats of communication permitted to be used in connection with initial financing statements.
    - 602.1.1 Duration. A financing statement filed to perfect a Statutory (Agricultural) Lien is effective for a period of 5 years after the date of filing.
    - 602.1.2 Fee for search. UCC searches include all Statutory (Agricultural) Liens in the database for the customary UCC search fee as provided in statute.
    - 602.1.3 Statutory (Agricultural) Liens filed prior to July 1, 2001 will be searched using non-standard search logic as defined in rule 503.2. Statutory (Agricultural) Liens filed on or after July 1, 2001, will be searched using the standard search logic as defined in rule 503.1.
    - 602.1.4 Statutory (Agricultural) Liens include the following: Agister Lien, Ag Production Input Lien, Artisan Lien, Seed or Electrical Lien, Feed Lien, Fertilizer Lien, Petroleum Products Lien, Threshers Lien, and Veterinarians Lien.
- 603 Farm Product Security Interests (EFS statements)
  - 603.1 Mechanics of filing. EFS (Effective Financing Statements) are filed in the filing office.
    - 603.1.1 Duration. The duration is 5 years from date of filing.
    - 603.1.2 Mechanics of search. See search logic described in rule 503.2.

# APPENDIX A Secretary of State Approved Filing and Search Forms

# Forms include the following, also found on the Secretary of State's website:

UCC Financing Statement (UCC1)

UCC Financing Statement Addendum (UCC1Ad)

UCC Financing Statement Additional Party (UCC1AP)

UCC Financing Statement Amendment or Change (UCC3)

UCC Financing Statement Amendment Addendum (UCC3Ad)

UCC Financing Statement Amendment Additional Party (UCC3AP)

UCC Information Statement (UCC5)

UCC Information Request (UCC11)

Universal Attachment for Statutory Lien

Universal Attachment for Agricultural Production Input Lien (API)